

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The nucleic acid of claim [[1]] 45, which is genomic DNA, cDNA, or RNA.
- 3-44. (Canceled)
45. (New) An isolated nucleic acid selected from the group consisting of
 - (a) a nucleic acid that encodes an RRN3 polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, and
 - (b) the full-length complement of the nucleic acid of (a).
46. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 45, which has the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, or the full-length complement thereof.
47. (New) An expression construct comprising the following operably linked elements:
 - a transcriptional promoter;
 - a nucleic acid coding for an RRN3 polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2; and
 - a transcriptional terminator.

48. (New) The expression construct of claim 47, wherein the nucleic acid coding for the RRN3 polypeptide has the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.